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ICC selects
Mr. and Miss Hall of Fame Most Beautiful

Emma Grace Allen and Tykez Daniels were elected Miss and Mr. ICC, Jan. 31.

Rylie Ozbirn of New Albany, center, was selected as Itawamba Community College's Most Beautiful 2023-2024, Feb. 1. Winners include, from left, Sarah Kate Thompson, fourth alternate; Lexi Tabbs, second alternate; Ozbirn; Emma Grace Allen, first alternate; and Mary Morgan Lyles, third alternate.

The BEST of the Best!

Itawamba Community College's Hall of Fame for 2022-23 includes, front, from left, Emory Reinhard, Emma Grace Allen, Madison Collins, Lori Leachman, Lexi Tabbs, Kelly Barnett; back, Eli Harlow, Hayden Campbell, Jay Salters, Anthony Reese Cantrell and Noah Jones. Not pictured is Mae Young.

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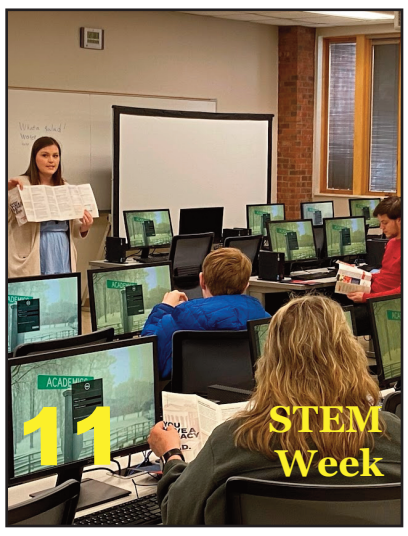

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VIEWPOINT

SHELBY TUTOR
Staff Writer

Got the 'back-to-school' blues?

So, the holidays are over, and we have started the new year and new courses.

At the end of the fall semester, we met with our advisers to register for classes and ensured that we are on track to meet our goals. Now...on to getting that certificate or degree!

Spring is right around the corner, and so is the new growth that comes after a harsh winter. The trees will start to flourish, and the flowers will start to bloom. Just like the changing of the seasons, we as students change with each year.

During the holiday season, it is easy to get into a lax schedule and become accustomed to not having to work. Believe me, I know that feeling all too well.

But, we have to keep in mind why we are here...to work toward laying the foundation for our career or the next step on our educational journey. However, coming back from a break can still be overwhelming for most of us.

My advice? Grab your pencil and paper and take notes. Start the semester by buying a planner, calendar and maybe some colorful highlighters to keep your study life engaging. The world of electronics also gives us an advantage to keeping up with our due dates as well.

Another step to an easy school year is to learn to identify and eliminate any major stressors that may cloud your judgment and distract you from your goals.

If you still happen to be struggling with making choices based on your future plans, you can always connect with your adviser for career counseling.

By staying in touch with your adviser and instructors, you set yourself up for optimal success. The chaos of the school year can send us into a spiral of emotions...that is why it is important to practice mindfulness.

When we display general health wellness, we are able to stay in touch with our true being. Too often when we are stressed out, we forget to do the things that make us happy, the things that make us who we are. By taking time to enjoy ourselves, we are prioritizing our own well-being, which in turn, will help us be the best version of ourselves.

When we stare life in the face and see all of the many options and roads to take and start to feel frustrated, we must remember to be patient.

In a few weeks, Mar. 7-11, ICC will celebrate Mental Health Awareness week as a reminder to all of us that our mental health is important. The College will continue to encourage and promote a Reach Out campaign during the spring semester as well as provide avenues for resources that could be critical in mental health.

Managing the back-to-school blues isn't a one size fits all, so make room for trial and error. And, if you need assistance, don't hesitate. We are all facing the same issues...and we can help each other.

Have a great semester!

Letters
TO THE EDITOR

The Chieftain will print letters to the editor or guest commentaries. However, they must be signed and include a valid ICC email address and telephone number. Anonymous submissions will not be printed. The Chieftain reserves the right to print or reject letters or to edit them for clarity and space.

OPINION POLL

What do you think...

"What's your favorite way to spend time on campus?"

"Hang out with my friends."
Max Wright
Sophomore
Randolph

"Hanging out at the dorm."
Jesse Pettigrew
Freshman
Pontotoc

"Practice music."
Joseph Cassler
Sophomore
Mantachie

"Hanging out with my friends and being in the band."
Jordan Laney
Sophomore
Fulton

"Don't worry about the little things."
Morgan Miller
Sophomore
Red Bay, Ala.

"Listen to your own advice."
Owen Beasley
Freshman
Amory

"Don't hesitate."
Spencer Griffie
Sophomore
Amory

"Getting coffee."
Logan Woods
Sophomore
Vernon, Ala.

"Playing guitar."
Rob Ferguson
Freshman
Pontotoc

"Go on walks around campus."
Cori Turner
Sophomore
Columbus

"Hanging out with friends."
Austin Taylor
Freshman
Pontotoc

"Go to the coffee shop with friends."
Morgan Young
Sophomore
Houston

"Hang out with friends and go to the gym."
Hunter Pounds
Freshman
Red Bay, Ala.

ETHAN KELLY
Staff Writer

VIEWPOINT

ANNA GREGORY
Staff Writer

Bittersweet... my last semester

This is the start of my last semester at Itawamba Community College.

I was never too far from home. A quick 45-minute drive and I could see my family. But somehow ICC became my "home away from home."

I lived in Sheffield Hall my first semester, and now I'm a resident of the magnificent new Magnolia Hall.

I have been here for a year and a half.

I was welcomed with warm smiles in the bookstore every morning for my almost daily Starbucks fill.

The library became a safe and cozy haven to study when roommates were less than respectful during stressful times.

Activities put together by ICC during exam weeks gave life back into all of us who were struggling to make it through.

The staff at ICC has shown and continues to show me that they care about the students and their ability to succeed.

I've spent hours in the blistering Mississippi heat marching with the All-American Band.

I've seen the amazing programs and organizations that only ICC has to offer.

I have cried over assignments for which I've procrastinated until the very last minute.

I have given stunning presentations to classmates who are daydreaming about their lunch plans.

I have grieved lost high school friendships and made lasting friendships to replace them.

I have participated in the writing contests held annually at ICC.

I have volunteered for the ICC marching and concert band evaluations.

I'm getting ready to leave Itawamba Community College far behind me with only memories to hold onto.

I'm preparing myself for the inevitable move to a larger, less familiar university, but I'll be spending the rest of the semester reminiscing on the memories that I have made the last year and half, because I don't want to forget.

I will also be making the most of my last semester...enjoying the classes I have with my favorite instructors as much as I possibly can...playing my last concert ever with the ICC Wind Ensemble...taking literature classes that further prove that being an English major was the right decision...relishing how close I am to my friends and family while I am here at my home away from home...waiting until its over an hour's drive to the people with whom I'm closest.

I will continue to branch out, try new things and expand my experiences.

Leaving Itawamba Community College will be sad, but that will make the memories much sweeter when I am gone.

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To apply, email dsthomas@iccms.edu

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Faculty SPOTLIGHT

MEGAN EIDT

History

FAMILY: *Husband of 26 years, Michael; daughter, Susannah, 23, Ole Miss graduate; son, Harrison, 21, senior at Ole Miss; two dogs, Archie and Sadie*

EDUCATION: *bachelor's degree in political science and history, University of Mississippi; attended the Center for Bi-Lingual and Multicultural Studies at the Universidad Internacional, Cuernavaca, Mexico; master's degree in history from Mississippi College*

COURSES TAUGHT AT ICC: *American History I and II, Western Civilization I and II and honors history*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: *17 years at ICC, both in Tupelo and Fulton*

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *"Students, students, students!! It can be challenging to bring history to life in the classroom, but I do my best because the students are worth the effort."*

NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *"Watching students fail to take advantage of the educational opportunities they have received. The opportunity for higher education should be valued and never taken for granted."*

ADVICE TO STUDENTS IN CLASS: *"The renowned English historian, writer and politician Lord Acton, known as the 'magistrate of history' once said, 'History is not a burden on the memory, but an illumination of the soul.' Allow yourself to be illuminated! History provides us with perspective, so it's critical to open one's mind to the importance of past events. Many of those events continue to impact our lives and the lives of others around the world."*

ADVICE TO STUDENTS IN GENERAL: *"Always go to class and embrace learning! As long as we are on this earth, we should all continue to be students of knowledge as we search for truth."*

INTERESTS: *"Reading about historical events and figures...traveling...movies and documentaries especially about anything tragic or war-related...playing guitar...snorkeling and sky diving...learning everything I can about current events...I adore my two dogs."*

KYLE TRAYLOR
Staff Writer

Honored to have you

Itawamba Community College hosted an Honors Forum sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, Feb. 3, at the Fulton Campus. Participants view one of several informational displays.

Six ICC students selected All-Mississippi Academic Team

Staff Reports

Six Itawamba Community College sophomores have been named to the All-Mississippi Academic Team.

They include Aaron Barnett of Guntown, Sofie Mae Pitts of Hatley, Emory Rinehard of Mantachie, Emily Moorman of Pontotoc, Raven Blagg of Saltillo and Lexi Tabbs of Red Bay, Ala.

Barnett, who is majoring in Computer Networking Technology, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He is currently employed as an IT assistant at H.M. Richards, Inc. His parents are Sammy and Mary Barnett of Aberdeen.

Blagg is dual-enrolled at both Tupelo High School and Itawamba Community College. Her activities at THS include archery team and former member of the band, and at ICC, vice president of fellowship for the Beta Tau Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and archery club team. She has been named to both the dean's and president's list. Blagg, who is also a member of 4-H, was one of four individuals on the state team for muzzleloading that competed nationally last June. She works in childcare at Montessori School of Tupelo and in the preschool department at First Baptist Church. Her parents are Steven and Aphilak Blagg.

Moorman is a member of the Beta Tau Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and a president's list scholar at ICC where her literary work has been published in The Calliope. She is a member of Hope Church in Tupelo, where she serves as child-care coordinator for Life@Hope, a ministry devoted to serving foster and adoptive families. she also volunteers for Second Chances Animal Rescue. Her parents are Gary and Judi Moorman.

Pitts, who is majoring in Robotics and Automation Technology, is on the dean's list at ICC, where she is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Her community service includes food bank volunteer and church yard work. She is the daughter of Rodney Pitts.

Reinhard is a sophomore elementary education major at ICC,where she is Phi Theta Kappa's Upsilon Sigma vice president of service, PTK's MS/LA regional reporter, Sigma Kappa Delta president, Fulton Campus Student Government Association president, executive chair of ICC's student-led food pantry (The Trading Post), Fashion Tribe backstage executive and a member of Indian Delegation and Honors College. She attends Bethel Baptist Church in Dorsey. She is the daughter of Jill and John Reinhard.

Aaron Barnett

Raven Blagg

Emily Moorman

Sofie Mae Pitts

Emory Rinehard

Lexi Tabbs

At ICC, Tabbs is Phi Theta Kappa Upsilon Sigma chapter president; Indian Delegation secretary; Fashion Tribe social media executive; and a member of the Honors College, Wesley Foundation lead team, Food Pantry committee, All-American Band and Indianettes dance team. She is also a president's list scholar. Tabbs attends Red Bay Freewill Baptist Church where she is involved with both her college age group and the choir. Her parents are Brandie and James Miller and Eric Tabbs.

Each two-year college in Mississippi may nominate students to the All-USA Academic Team.

Mississippi Business Journal

ICC's President Allen named one of top CEOs in state

Staff Reports

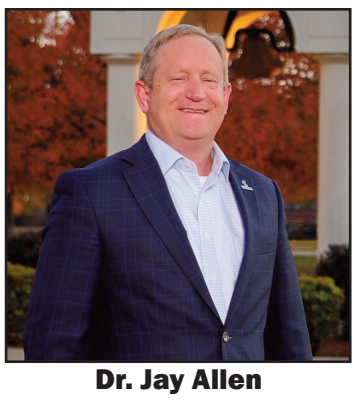
Itawamba Community College President Dr. Jay Allen has been recognized by the Mississippi Business Journal as one of the top CEOs in Mississippi.

He was among 23 leaders honored recently at an awards event in Jackson.

The goal is to "recognize leaders from a variety of companies, large and small, where the CEO is making a difference," according to Tami Jones, Mississippi Business Journal publisher. "We received nominations from all over, and this year's honorees are outstanding." A special issue of the MBJ this month will feature biographies and photos of all of the 2023 honorees.

Allen became the seventh president of ICC in 2017 after serving as president and chief executive officer of Hopkinsville Community College in Kentucky.

A native Mississippian, Allen has served in several leadership positions at Hinds Community College and as a senior-level administrator for Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College - Perkinston and the George County Center



Dr. Jay Allen

- for a combined total of 25 years. He earned the Associate of Arts degree from Hinds; the Bachelor of Science degree and the master's degree, both from Mississippi State University; and the doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Mississippi.

His experience includes both academic and career and technical education, student services, institutional development, information technology, business services, athletics, workforce and other non-credit areas. He currently serves on numerous local, state and national boards. He serves as chair of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges State Workforce Education Committee, President of the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities, chair of the Mississippi Community College Foundation, chair of the Mississippi Education Achievement Council, co-chair of the HERDI South Executive Board, Community Colleges of Appalachia board member and most recently named as a member of the American Association of Community Colleges Board of Directors.

Allen and his wife, Belinda, have two daughters, Emma Grace and Mollianne.

FYI
MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Attention, students!

ICC needs survey assistance

Staff Reports

All current Itawamba Community College students may provide their thoughts and opinions on instruction and other areas at the College through the spring semester's Student Evaluation of Instruction, according to Dr. Brandi McCraw, Institutional Research and Effectiveness coordinator.

Each student will receive these surveys throughout the semester based on term dates. Students will receive an email survey for each class (traditional and online) in which they are enrolled, McCraw said. "SEIs will also populate inside each course in Canvas so that students may choose to take the SEI via the email invitation or Canvas link based on personal preference for each class."

All student survey responses remain anonymous, and instructors do not receive the SEI results until after submitting their final grades at the end of each semester. ICC's administration may review all comments made in the SEIs.

ICC strives to always offer quality instruction, and student opinions are a key component of continuously improving the services and instruction that ICC provides, McCraw said.

Adult education classes

Fulton location changes

Staff Reports

Beginning today, the location for Itawamba Community College's adult education classes has been changed to room 202 of the Crubaugh Technical Education Building at the Fulton Campus.

Classes meet from 3:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Enrollment for new students is on the first and third Mondays of each month.

The free classes offer students an opportunity to complete a high school equivalency diploma, including GED and HiSET exam, ACT and WorkKeys preparation and score improvement. Work-readiness, reading, math and writing refresher skills are also offered to individuals seeking to improve their employability or educational skills. Persons enrolling in classes must be out of school and at least 16 years of age.

The classes previously met at the old Fulton Grammar School.

Register now for eight-week term

Staff Reports

Registration for eight-week eLearning and traditional classes is continuing at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses of Itawamba Community College.

The deadline to register is Mar. 7 for the traditional term and Mar. 14 for the eLearning (online) session. Traditional classes begin Mar. 6, and online, Mar. 13.

ICC offers academic, career education, workforce and eLearning classes.

For more information on registration, contact the Advising office on the Fulton Campus at (662) 862-8290; at the Tupelo Campus, (662) 620-5000 or email eadviser@iccms.edu.

Charles Moore of Tupelo will be the speaker for the Unity program at the Tupelo Campus, Feb. 15.

Unity program features Charles Moore

Staff Reports

Charles Moore, Lee County NAACP President, will be the featured speaker for a Unity Program in celebration of Black History Month at noon, Feb. 15, at the Itawamba Community College Tupelo Campus in the Academic and Student Center dining hall.

Moore, who is one of 16 children, is a native of Houston, where he played football for the Hilltoppers, and in 1987, for Itawamba Community College. His employment background includes a salesman in the furniture industry, police officer in Verona and self-employed for 25 years as a general contractor. He has been an ordained minister for more than 20 years, and he and his wife, Tonya (TJ), cofounded LifeCulture the Empowerment Center in Tupelo in 2016, which is a mission for the homeless and less fortunate.

Moore became a member of branch 5304 NAACP in 2019. He was elected president the next year and reelected for his second term.

He is also a member of the board of Vitalant of North Mississippi, board of directors of Committee for King (Tupelo) and the NAACP Mississippi State Conference Legal Redress.

The Moores have three children, Shádé, Charles Jr. and Noah.

The program is free and open to the public.

SKD sets Faculty Talent show

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Sigma Kappa Delta Chapter has scheduled a Faculty Talent Show, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus.

Participants include Jon Armstrong, Dr. Ashley Craig, Morgan Cutturini, Amber King, Keith Morris and Dr. Cass Patrick.

Admission is one toiletry item (deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, disposable razors, shaving cream, etc.) to benefit ICC's Trading Post.

Apr. 1 is alumni honors deadline

Staff Reports

Nominations are being accepted through Apr. 1 for Itawamba Community College's Alumnus of the Year, Athletic Hall of Fame, Distinguished Service Award and Young Alumnus of the Year.

Those selected will be honored during homecoming activities this fall at the Fulton Campus.

Criteria for selection for Alumnus of the Year include successful completion of at least one semester as a full-time student at ICC five years prior to the current year as well as merit and achievement which have brought fame and honor to either his/her community or ICC.

ICC's Athletic Hall of Fame honors former athletes, coaches or individuals who have excelled or made major contributions to intercollegiate athletics while attending or employed by ICC. They must have been out of school at least 10 years. Accomplishments and support of ICC also may be considered.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes outstanding contributions to ICC and is open to an individual, group or organization that has made substantial, outstanding and consistent contribution to the college through tangible or intangible gifts or deeds.

The Young Alumnus of the Year recognizes an individual under the age of 40 who has attained significant professional, personal or community success.

Forms are available at www.iccms.edu.

Heart month

The David C. Cole Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus joins Magnolia Hall and the Academic and Student Center that are lit in red during February to emphasize the importance of heart health.

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CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

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For more information on ICC clubs and organizations,

Dr. Bridget Smith Pieschel

Lecture series resumes Mar. 28

Staff Reports

Dr. Bridget Smith Pieschel will present "Women's Private Writing as a Public Resource" at 6 p.m., Mar. 28, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Lecture Demonstration Room on the Fulton Campus.

A native of Louisville, she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Mississippi University for Women and the doctorate from the University of Alabama.

Now retired after 39 years, 25 of those in supervisory positions, she is Emerita Professor of English and Women's Studies. Her career at The W included serving as the director of the Honors Program, as the dean of the Division of Humanities and twice as chair of the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy. She became the director of the Center for Women's Research and Public Policy at The W in 2005.

Her honors include recipient of the MUW Medal of Excellence in 2005 and the Kosser Distinguished Faculty Award in 2012.

She gives numerous presentations each year to university, professional, civic and student groups about MUW's history and 19th-century women's education. She has published articles also about individual Southern women, including Eudora Welty and the founder of the O Henry prize, MUW alumna Blanche Colton Williams.

After the Center for Women's Research and Public Policy opened, she and student interns published a collection of oral histories. She directed the annual MUW Eudora Welty Writers' Symposium for nine years and directed the annual Tennessee Williams Tribute Scholars' Panel for 10 years.

She is a past president of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters and is a past state director of the Southern Literary Trail, focusing on Southern writers in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. She is a governor's appointed commissioner and vice chair for the Volunteer Mississippi Commission and is a board member of the Lowndes County Community Foundation Board, which is a part of the CREATE Foundation. She is a member of the Lowndes County 100 Women Who Care and serves as a Foundation Board member for the Mississippi Free Press.

She and her husband, Steve, are long-time parishioners of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and live in Columbus. they have five grown children and five grandchildren.

Start thinking about summer, fall financial aid

MAKENZIE SNEED
Staff Writer

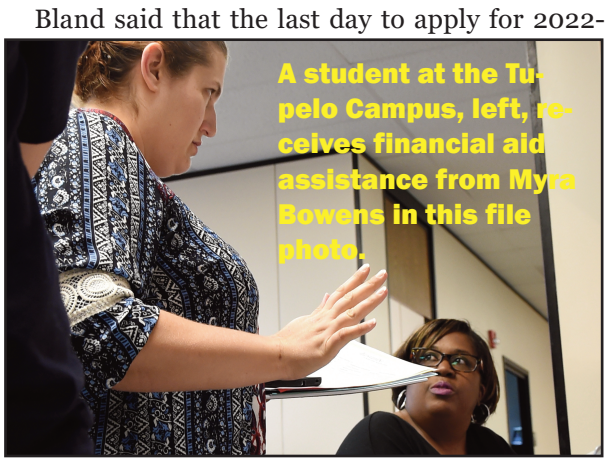
With the beginning of the spring semester, students begin to think about applying for financial aid for the summer and fall semesters.

ICC Director of Financial Aid Terry Bland recently shared information regarding the process.

"The Free Application for Student Aid or FAFSA is the application for Pell and Supplemental Grants, Federal Work-Study and Student Loans," Bland said. "The application opens each year on Oct. 1 and can be found at https://studentaid.gov. At any given time, two academic years may be open, so make sure to complete the correct one. Otherwise, expect delays."The 2022-23 FAFSA is for fall 2022 and spring and summer 2023. The 2023-24 FAFSA is for fall 2023 and spring and summer 2024. Instructions for how to apply can be found at www.iccms.edu/financial aid forms along with our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and other helpful information such as Payment Schedules, Census Schedules, etc."

Bland noted that the only form of summer aid is the Pell Grant or a student loan. Students who need to register for summer aid must be enrolled in six hours of courses and be eligible for the Pell Grant or use a student loan."Students do not have to fill out an extra form if they have already completed the 2022-23 FAFSA,"Bland said."After registering for the summer courses, students should check their ICC email frequently for instructions and to find out if they are only eligible for a student loan," he noted.

Bland said that the last day to apply for 2022-2023 FAFSA is June 30. He recommends not waiting until the last minute to apply. For students taking summer courses, he encouraged completion of the FAFSA at the earliest opportunity. "If a student delays applying for FAFSA, the U.S.Department of Education will remove the application from their website."

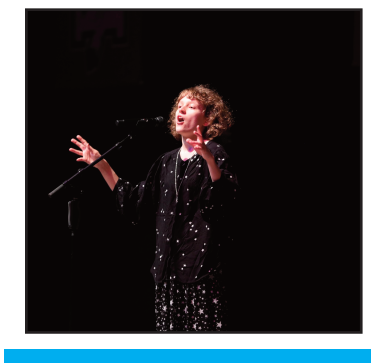


A student at the Tupelo Campus, left, receives financial aid assistance from Myra Bowens in this file photo.

As far as tips or recommendations for students applying for financial aid, Bland recommends that students start applying immediately. "The Financial Aid office cannot begin awarding for next year until we receive the FAFSA for 2023-24. Do not wait until the summer to complete it, because the application is just the first step. Federal regulations then require that we check Satisfactory Academic Progress and a host of other eligibility criteria prior to awarding as well as collect Verification documentation. Verification can take 5-10 business days or longer depending on how long it takes the student to submit the required documentation. Always keep an eye on your ICC email account for requests for documentation or follow-up questions from the Financial Aid office. it is the fastest way we have to communicate with you."

Recently Bland sent students an email listing the "Six things you need to know about your financial aid for Spring 2023. He listed several links for students to use for help when completing financial aid. There is also information on the financial aid tab on ICC's website, www.iccms.edu.

Indians' Got Talent rounds set for March 1 and 8 at Fulton



BREANA NIX
Staff Writer

Why watch America's Got Talent, when ICC's version is on your door steps?

Indians' Got Talent is a 'terrific opportunity for students who love to sing and want their voices to be heard or those who have other talents that qualify," according to Taylor Tutor, coordinator of Student Activities.

Any ICC student can participate, and anyone can attend.

Tutor said the event is an opportunity for students to showcase their talents in front of their peers. She said that "she likes the atmosphere it creates for our students." The Student Government Association sponsors this event, and it allows students from every personality type to participate.

The last round of preliminary competition was Feb. 8, and upcoming rounds are scheduled for Mar. 1 and 8 at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

getinvolved@iccms.edu

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To Know More?

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Contact information available at www.iccms.edu by clicking on the area of interest or by searching the college directory at the same location.

High school seniors to explore legal options

Staff Reports

High school seniors are invited to explore the exciting opportunities available through ICC's School of Legal Studies, Feb. 24, at the David C. Cole Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus.

Interactive demonstrations will highlight opportunities in criminal justice, pre-law, paralegal and political science.

Check-in is from 9-9:30 a.m. and closing, at 11:30 a.m.

Victoria Cummings-Bobo poses with her work, which will be on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery on the Fulton Campus until Mar. 9.

Cummings-Bobo art on display in ICC gallery

Staff Reports

New works by artist Victoria Cummings-Bobo of Evergreen are currently on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus.

The exhibition titled "Eshe (Eh-Sheh) = Life: An Abstract Metal Frame of Mind" features a collection of acrylic and mixed media pieces to commemorate Black History Month and will be on display until Mar. 9.

Bobo's work uses household items or something nature provides to tell colorful and vibrant stories. Her work ranges from miniature models, which reflect everyday people to vibrant paintings and statuesque colorful objects. She combines her art and faith by using adorned mannequins to teach Sunday school classes at New Temple Baptist Church. Bobo's love of the arts has included poetry, acting and playing the piano. After a time in New York City, she returned to Dorsey in 1987, and in 1988, Bobo and her sister, Dr. Ormella Cummings, performed WeAmendMinda-By Action, an organization devoted to introducing cultural activities and enrichment programs to young people and adults in Itawamba County and the surrounding area. She and her husband, Forrest, live in Evergreen.

The gallery is open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at eswhittington@iccms.edu.

Members of the Ripcord cast and crew include front, from left, Ruth Allison White, Ron Jenkins, Morgan Miller, Ariadna Manjujano, Jaishun Gates; back, Anna Beth Brown, James Cobb Thomas, Morgan Miller, Krystyna Burenok, Dylan Christian, Kyla Ratliff and Adam Harmon. Not pictured, Azlynn Herbert.

Ripcord
ICC selects cast, crew for spring production

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has selected the cast and crew for its spring production, Ripcord, which will be Mar. 23-24 at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

Cast members are Ron Jenkins of Amory; Jaishun Gates of Calhoun City; Anna Beth Brown, James Cobb Thomas, both of Pontotoc; Morgan Miller of Red Bay, Ala.; Adam Harmon and Kyla Ratliff, both of Smithville.

Those in the crew are Ruth Allison White (publicity manager) of Guntown; Ariadna Manjujano, Aizlynn Herbert (backstage crew), both from Pontotoc. and Dylan Christian (sound technician) of Smithville. The stage manager is Krystyna Burenok, former Saltillo High School exchange student with theatre experience from the Ukraine, and director Dr. Laurie McBride of Fulton, speech and theatre instructor.

Pulitzer prize-winning author David Linsay-Abaire delivers a compelling play in Ripcord that provides a mix of drama and madcap comedy. "A sunny room on an upper floor is prime real estate in the Bristol Place Senior Living facility, so when the cantankerous Abby is forced to share her quarters with new-arrival Marilyn, she has no choice but to get rid of the infuriatingly chipper woman by any means necessary. A seemingly harmless bet between the old women quickly escalates into a dangerous game of one-upmanship that reveals not just the tenacity of these worthy opponents, but also deeper truths that each would rather remain hidden."

Two ticket options are available, dinner theatre or play only.

For more information, email lsmcbride@iccms.edu or call (6620 862-8307.

Are you checking your ICC email?

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Spring 2023 Calendar

February 20 .....Presidents' Day Holiday
February 22.....Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning first eight-week classes
February 24 .....Last day to dop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for traditional first eight-week classes
February 27 .....Summer and fall 2023 class schedule available
March 1 .....First day of student advising for 2023 summer and fall
March 1 .....Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) surveys available
March 1-2 .....Final exams for traditional first eight-week classes
March 3 .....Grades due at 8 a.m. for traditional first eight-week classes
March 3 ...Progress reports due for traditional full-term day/night and eLearning full-term classes
March 3.....Last day to register for participation in Commencement
March 6-9 .....Final exams for eLearning first eight-week classes
March 7 .....Last day to add traditional second eight-week classes
March 10.....Grades due at noon for eLearning first eight-week classes
March 13-17 .....Spring break for students, employees
March 14 .....Last day to add eLearning second eight-week classes
March 27.....Registration for currently-enrolled Honors College and Allied Health students who have completed 24 or more hours begins at 7:30 a.m.

Full spring 2023 calendar and exam schedule are available

CenterStage presents both fall (pictured above) and spring shows.

Interested in music, performing arts at ICC?

CELESTE CLAYTON
Staff Writer

Interested in music and the performing arts?

Itawamba Community College has an opportunity that might fit.

CenterStage is ICC's pop show group featuring vocals, choreography and a live band.

Co-director Christy Coburn said that auditions are scheduled for Apr. 28 in the auditorium of the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center on the Fulton Campus. Both vocal and band auditions will begin at 12:35 p.m.

Colburn said that any current or prospective ICC students with a passion for performance or those who might just be looking to try something new are all welcome to audition. Those who are interested should prepare a solo of their choice that demonstrates their abilities. Accompaniment is recommended but not required. These individuals will also be taught a short set of choreography that they will learn and perform the same day following their vocal audition, Colburn explained.

For those interested in joining the band, the instruments needed are saxophones, trumpets, trombones, drum set, auxiliary percussion, guitar, bass and keyboard. The band audition includes sight reading with a rhythm section and possible improvisation, but Coburn said that those not experienced with improvisation shouldn't worry.

"Improvisation is not required and will not hinder your chances of being accepted into the band," she emphasized. If you want to be a part of this organization, but performing just isn't your style, crew auditions are Apr. 26 and Aug. 16 at 12:35 p.m. in (Kyle) Davis's office in the music wing of the fine arts complex. Those who audition will complete an application upon arrival and will be asked to include three references with contact numbers.

Candidates will be interviewed individually. Some points of interest with the crew are sound, lights, program design, computer skills, costuming/hair/makeup, props and other responsibilities depending on the type of show that they are doing that year.

Colburn said that "CenterStage creates a creative space where students with a variety of skillsets can come together and mae a contribution toward a common goal. It takes all types of personalities coming together as a team to put on our productions, and it's extremely rewarding to observe the progression from day one to the end of the school year. CenterStage also combines all the arts into one course by utilizing music, dance, art, speech and technology."

For those interested in joining CenterStage, the class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:35-1:50 p.m. and awards scholarships for participation.

For more information, contact Colburn at cacolburn@iccms.edu or Davis at kddavis@iccms.edu.

Beta Tau Sigma, Upsilon Sigma

Students join Phi Theta Kappa chapters

Staff Reports

Several students are new members of Phi Theta Kappa chapters at Itawamba Community College.

Beta Tau Sigma

New members of the Beta Tau Sigma chapter at the Tupelo Campus include Akira Taylor of **Ackerman**; Claire Caldwell of **Algoma**; Carla Underwood of **Baldwyn**; James Foley of **Belden**; Alexis Cocke of **Coldwater**; Karly Weeks of **Fulton**; James Ratliff, Addison White, both of **Guntown**; Sara Thompson of **Mantachie**; Elijah White of **Nettleton**; Morgan Gunter, Tristan Kelly, both of **Pontotoc**; Elizabeth Harrelson, Nae Ikawa, both of **Saltillo**; Mosleh Alsaadi, Charlie English, Calynn Estes, Christopher Hester, Lawrence Hill, Caleb Homan, all of **Tupelo**; and Brandi Bray of **Vardaman**.

Upsilon Sigma

Those who have joined the Upsilon Sigma chapter at the Fulton Campus are Kathryn Cooke, Laney Howell, both of **Aberdeen**; Emma Collums, Spencer Griffie, Reese Griffith, David Hunt, Leigh Moffett, William Reese, Brianna Richardson, Jamie Rock, William Stanford, Kathryn Thompson, Grayson Thornton, Macie Williams, all of **Amory**; Madison Orrick of **Belmont**; Lydia Hitchcock of **Boaz, Ala.**; Emma Horton of **Caledonia**; Brooklyn Ward of **Columbus**; Maria Tinajero of **Ecru**; Elizabeth Gann, Laura Gann, Michael Golebiewski, Jordan Laney, Hunter Prestage, Maggie Smith, all of **Fulton**; Isabel Baldwin of **Guntown**; Lana Murphree of **Houlka**; Makinzi Moore of **Houston**; Hanna Gillean of **Mantachie**; Monserrat Garcia, Brennan Gray, both of **Mooreville**; Rilee Maxwell of **Nettleton**; Caleb Beech of **Perkinston**; Karlie McKinney of **Plantersville**; Emily Clowers, Kiara McCord, both of **Pontotoc**; Lillian Broadbent, Mackenna Hurt, Jacob Jolly, Samuel Pennington, all of **Saltillo**; Savannah Rippee of **Sardis**; Bailey Baker of **Saucier**; Olivia Callens, Caleb Goddard, Mallory Green, Sherrion Holmes and Charles Meredith, all of **Tupelo**.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for the two-year college. Its hallmarks are leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. Members are afforded opportunities for personal and professional growth and to provide Service to the community and society at large.

Advisers are Robin Lowe of Amory, Jay Humphries of Vina, Ala. and Bradley Howard of Saltillo, all at the Fulton Campus; and Jenny Bowers of Tupelo, Dr. Delena Hukle of Mantachie and Dr. Ira Lindsay Kinard-Jones of Houston, all at the Tupelo Campus.

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HAPPENING Now

Dates to Remember

Staff Reports

February 13
Ole Miss-Oxford Recruiting Visit
Fulton Campus
Back Lobby
David C. Cole Student Services Building
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

February 14
Ole Miss-Oxford Recruiting Visit
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

February 15
Intramural Ping Pong
Fulton Campus
Student Activities Center - 2 p.m.

February 21
Mississippi State Recruiting Visit
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center
Back Lobby
8:30-10:30 a.m.

February 22
Ole Miss-Tupelo Recruiting Visit
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center
10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

February 22
University of North Alabama Recruiting Visit
(College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering, College of Business and Technology, Department of Entertainment Industry)
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 1
Indians' Got Talent - Round 1
Fulton Campus
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium
6 p.m.

Intramural Disc Golf Tournament
Fulton Campus
Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center - TBA

March 8
Indians' Got Talent - Round 2
Fulton Campus
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium, TBA

March 7
Ole Miss Transfer Day
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

March 8
Ole Miss Transfer Day
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center
10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

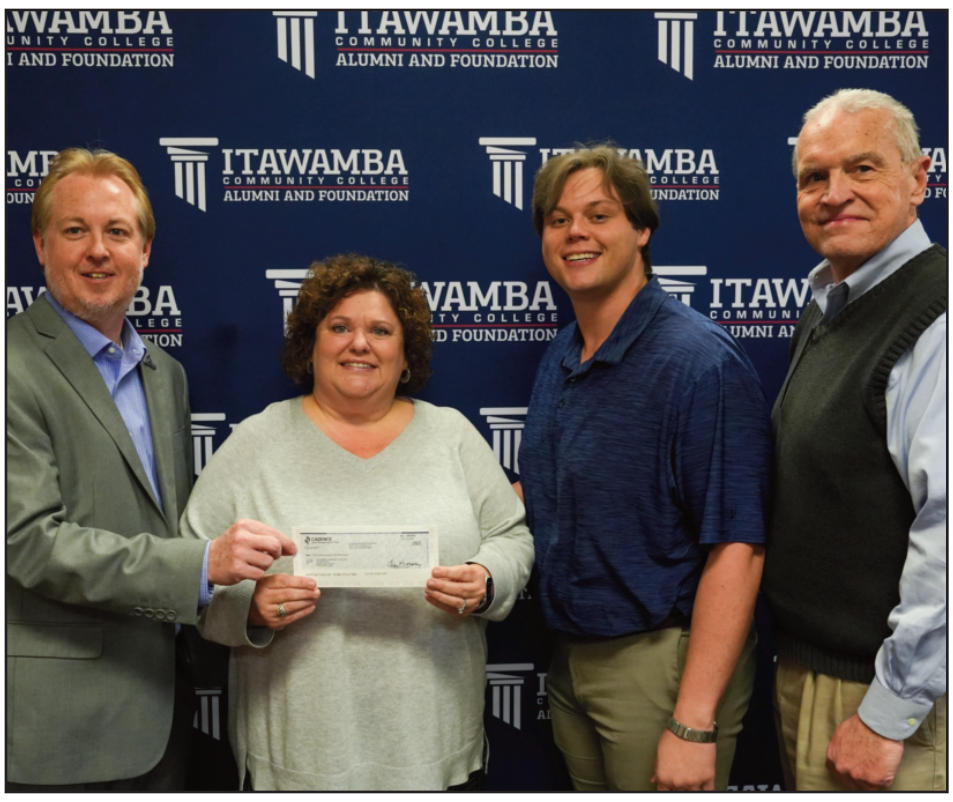
March 9
Mississippi State University
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 13-17
Spring Break

March 27-30
Wellness Week

March 30
Ole Miss-Tupelo Recruiting Visit
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center
10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

For more information on all ICC events
www.iccms.edu



Cadence Bank representatives were at ICC recently to present a check to be used for Career Pathways programs. Kim Precise, Cadence Mantachie Branch Manager, and Peyton Umfress, Cadence Bank Fulton Branch Manager/Bank Officer, center, make the presentation to Michael Upton, ICC director of advancement, left; and Jim Ingram, director of the Foundation, right.

Cadence Bank donation to benefit Career Pathways

Staff Reports

Cadence Bank has continued its long tradition of supporting Itawamba Community College through a recent $15,000 donation for ICC's Career Pathways program.

The program connects low-income individuals and adult education students with workforce training to enable them to gain the skills and knowledge necessary for finding employment in a high-demand career field, according to Josh Gammill, director of continuing education at ICC. "As the need for skilled workers becomes more abundant in our community, graduates of Itawamba Community College's workforce training programs will increase the number of available workers within the community, positively impacting economic development efforts in the region," he said.

Cadence Bank's donation will be used to pay for the tuition of one of Itawamba Community College's workforce training pathways, which includes programs such as Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and EMT-Basic.

"ICC staff members communicate with students in this demographic, and while there is interest in the programs, they often do not have the funds necessary to be able to pay for training courses," Gammill said.

Because the programs are short-term and non-credit, no state or federal financial aid, such as a Pell Grant or student loans, are available to students. Students must pay out of pocket or otherwise not be able to enroll in the workforce training programs. "The funds from this donation will provide an opportunity for students in the target demographic to receive training that will create a positive impact on building a better future for themselves and their family," Gammill said.

"We are very thankful to Cadence Bank for providing this funding to our students," Gammill said. "The funds play an integral role in eliminating income barriers that many students in our region face. Students now have an opportunity to get the necessary training to land the job they want, in turn creating a positive impact on both the individuals and their community."

Michael Upton, director of advancement and the ICC Foundation, added, "Cadence Bank has been a long supporter of Pathways students at ICC and continues to increase their support each year. We're grateful for the impact they are making on the lives of our students and the economic future of our region."

"We are proud to support Itawamba Community College's Career Pathways program and the students it serves," said Kim Precise, Mantachie branch manager at Cadence Bank. "Investing in the education and career growth of these students is critical to removing obstacles and providing them with the skills they need to succeed in life and contribute to a strong economic future in our communities."

CPRAM offers scholarships at two-/four-year schools

Staff Reports

State college public relations officials are doing their part to encourage students to continue their interest in communication at Mississippi's two- and four-year colleges with three $1,250 scholarships.

Students applying for the CPRAM (College Public Relations Association of Mississippi) scholarship must be majoring in one of the following fields of study: public relations, communications, journalism, advertising, mass communications, political communications, crisis management, graphic design or other communication-oriented major.

The scholarships could be awarded to a May 2023 high school graduate, a student entering or enrolled at the state's two-year colleges and to a student entering or enrolled at the state's four-year colleges. The student must be enrolled full-time.

Scholarship applicants must be in good standing and present three letters of recommendation from individuals connected to their academic institution. This includes college advisers, high school teacher/official, homeschool teacher, etc. Students may be recommended by an active CPRAM member.

The applicants must complete in full the scholarship application and return it to the scholarship committee no later than Feb. 24. Applicants also must include a 500-word essay entitled "With all the changes being made in the field of Communications, what skills do I have to keep up with these changes?"

Students receiving the scholarship can be awarded the scholarship for more than one year, but they must reapply every year. The scholarship committee reserves the right to make its decision based on need, merit and the number of applicants each year.

CPRAM reserves the right to revoke this scholarship if a student withdraws from school during the award year, changes his/her major, fails to maintain a 2.0 GPA or other grave instances of misconduct.

The committee will announce the winner(s) during its annual conference held in May. The scholarship will then be awarded for the 2023 fall term.

For more information, contact CPRAM scholarship chairman Steve Diffey at (662) 472-9068 or sdiffey@holmescc.edu or committee member Donna Thomas at (662) 862-8244 or dsthomas@iccms.edu.

Interest meetings set for Global Experience '24 trip

Staff Reports

ICC's Global Experience is preparing to fly to Paris and London in May 2024 for a mini-study abroad initiative.

TGE and the Communication Division are partnering to offer students the opportunity to earn three hours of credit in the British Literature I course, according to Jessi Stevenson, codirector of TGE.

Interest meetings are Feb. 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Academic Building at the Fulton Campus and Feb. 16 at 12:15 p.m. in room 230 of the Academic and Student Center at the Tupelo Campus.

"You will walk the streets of places and see sights you once could only learn about in a textbook and Canvas course," Stevenson said. "TGE will quite literally bring your education to life."

Those who can't attend a meeting, can email a tour leader at travel@icms.edu.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

1) Lock all doors and windows.

2) Close all blinds.

3) Turn off lights.

4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

6) Make no noise.

7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

For more information about ICC emergency procedures... www.iccms.edu

Students from 12 area schools were at the Tupelo Campus Friday to participate in ICC's Code Blue and Red event. Participating programs included students and faculty from Associate Degree Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Sciences, Health Information, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing, Public Health, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care and Surgical Technology.

CODE BLUE & RED

ICC...#betterthanever

ICC's commencement ceremonies are scheduled for May 12 at the Fulton Campus. Students who plan to participate should apply soon.

Apply before Mar. 23 for graduation

SHELBY STIDHAM
Staff Writer

Students at Itawamba Community College must apply before Mar. 23 if they want to participate in the May 12 commencement ceremony.

The Registrar's office can identify students who qualified to participate in commencement and are on schedule to graduate, according to Rachel Steele, Registrar/director of Admissions.

Students who qualify can apply via their myTribe accounts after being informed of their graduation status. A $30 application fee, which can be paid through their Business office account, will be assessed to students who wish to graduate. According to Steele, this sum covers the price of the memento cap and gown as well as the right to walk the stage during the ceremony.

Students who are eligible to participate in commencement must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Complete all coursework with a grade point average of 2.0 by the end of the 2023 spring semester to earn a certificate or degree; or

2. Require no more classes after the 2023 spring semester to earn a certificate or degree and have a grade point average of 2.0 on those hours applied toward graduation; or

3. Completion of all graduation requirements and awarded a certificate or degree as a December 2022 graduate.

The in-person ceremonies will be May 12 in the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus. Times will be announced later.

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Itawamba Community College is an open admission, comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution primarily serving Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties, while also being responsive to the instructional and economic development needs of the region.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title Iv of the Civil Rights At of 1964; TitleIX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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ICC's STEM celebrates first anniversary

Itawamba Community College's STEM program's commemoration included a proclamation signing, speakers from Ole Miss and Mississippi State, a panel discussion and a Science Olympiad last week.

ICC hires Travis Macon as head football coach

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College hired Travis Macon as the Indians' football head coach in mid-December.

"It's an exciting time for me and my family," Macon said. "Everyone has made us feel at home, and we're ready to get started and look forward to this new journey we're on."

"This was a home run," said Dean of Students and Athletic Director Dr. Chad Case. "I'm excited to bring Coach Macon on campus, and he's going to bring some assistants who bring a lot of fire and intensity to the program as well."

Macon, 44, has found success quickly throughout his 17 seasons coaching junior college football in Mississippi.

Coach Macon and his staff quickly changed the narrative that once surrounded Coahoma Community College's football program. The Tigers went from a program that had only five wins since 2013 to winning 11 games on the field and earning national rankings in his three years as head coach.

Before turning things around in Clarksdale, Macon served five seasons as the defensive line coach at Northwest Mississippi Community College. During the 2017 season, the Rangers had the league's top scoring defense (19.5 points per game) and second-ranked total defense (302.3 yards per game).

Travis Macon

Northwest had 93 tackles-for-loss and 32 sacks that same season, a year after breaking a 24-year-old school record with 117 tackles-for-loss and 46 sacks.

He started his career at his alma mater, Northeast Mississippi Community College. After coaching the offensive line in 2008, he started working with the defensive line as defensive coordinator in his final five seasons in Booneville. The Tigers, who were nationally-ranked, made their first playoff appearance in six seasons in 2011.

"You could see early on that Coach Macon was a really good fit for Itawamba Community College and our football program," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "I think he will be a great addition to the ICC family, and what he will bring both on- and off-the-football field will be tremendous for our student-athletes."

Macon transferred from Northeast to the University of Mississippi, where he played offensive tackle for the Rebels from 2000-02 for head coach David Cutcliffe. Macon and the Rebels made an appearance in the 2000 Music City Bowl.

Macon says his first priority was getting his coaching staff on campus and then hit the road recruiting.

"I'm looking for players that love football," Macon said. "If you're one of those guys that want to work hard, that want to get better and want to get developed, then you're the guy I'm coming to see."

Macon and his wife, Deimara, have three children, Haleih, Brian and Ambrielle.

His assistant coaches include Justin Lucas, defensive coordinator; Kareem Moore, assistant head coach and defensive backs coach; Grant Kimberland, wide receivers coach; Demitri Hill, offensive line coach; and Aaron Anguiano, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Spring Sports
Indians meet their fans, Jan. 18

#RollTribe

Tribe Talk

ELIJAH COLEMAN
Sports Editor

Just how important are fans in the stands at sporting events?

In my opinion, they are critical!

Not only do they provide energy, but fans are a large factor in how the game will flow.

At the onset of COVID-19 in the United States in 2020, the world of sports was essentially shut down because the teams played in environments that were closed. It was really boring because the players feed off fans' energy.

One prime example is Texas A&M. It's football stadium is named Kyle Field, which seats 102,512, including the largest student section in the country. TAMU fans are appropriately called the 12th Man because of the role that they play in the Aggies' play. Everyone in the stadium is INVOLVED in the game, and they are LOUD!

Do you remember when the NBA played in the bubble with no fans? It wasn't as much fun because home teams didn't have that home court advantage, which makes a huge difference. There was no fan involvement in the game. NO noise.

Just as on the professional and university level sports, fans make a difference in the play of Itawamba Community College's student-athletes.

The players practice tirelessly, suit up on game day and enter a field, court or other facility and there are few cheers because the facility is hauntingly empty. There isn't much noise except for the cheerleaders.

You could make that difference. Together we all can make that difference. We can make a difference in the confidence level of the players.

We can make the players feel special and that they have a great support system that wants to see them succeed and end the game with a 'W'!

For the past two weeks, ICC's men's basketball team has been ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation. That's right...the NATION!

We all should be more involved in Itawamba Community College athletics and activities. Our student-athletes deserve our support for all of their hard work and dedication that they devote to practice every day and on game days/nights.

So, the next time you aren't doing anything and looking for something to do, support ICC's student-athletes. Better still, we should all make time to support our players and coaches.

Thank you to all of our students, faculty, staff and administrators, who are at Eaton Field, the Davis Event Center, Roy Cresap Field, Johnson-Partlow Courts, the softball field and other venues.

You, the fans, make a difference!

Indians ranked in national poll

ICC's men's basketball team was ranked at No. 23 in the nation in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I rankings, last week. They reached No. 17 before falling to Meridian in overtime on the road.

Hoops action

Box scores

INDIANS

ICC 85, Shawnee 62
George Marshall, 24

ICC 82, Lawson St. 72
Kolby Horace, 21

ICC 78, Miss. Delta 59
George Marshall, 18

ICC 86, Bevill State 73
George Marshall, 20

ICC 98, Stillman 65
George Marshall, 19

ICC 83, Bevill State 66
George Marshall, 23

ICC 79, Northeast 71
Gemari Marshall, 18

ICC 69, Pearl River 67
George Marshall 19

ICC 78, Coahoma 64
Josh Lee, 25

ICC 80, East Central 68
Josh Lee, 19

ICC 83, Hinds 69
Gemari Marshall, 24

Meridian 86, ICC 76
Gemari Marshall, 24

ICC 73, Gulf Coast 71
Rock Robinson, 18

ICC 70, Northwest 66
Gemari Marshall, 16

Southwest 78, ICC 72

LADY INDIANS

ICC 60, Northeast 51
Che'mya Carouthers, 18

Wallace St. 68, ICC 41
Addison Howell, 9

ICC 62, Calhoun 58
Ayonna Naylor, 14

Miss. Delta 56, ICC 53
Shayla Golden 13

Northeast 69, ICC 58
Makayla Rieves 11

Pearl River 62, ICC 45
Makayla Rieves, 11

Coahoma 67, ICC 52
Kimaya Dixon, Che'mya Carouthers, 15 each

East Central 64, ICC 60
Kimaya Dixon, 12

ICC 60, Hinds 54
Che'mya Carouthers, 17

Meridian 66, ICC 55
Che'mya Carouthers, 16

Gulf Coast 73, ICC 47
Addison Howell, 12

ICC 61, Northwest 52
Addison Howell, Shayla Golden, 11 each

Southwest 74, ICC 59

Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

2.14	Snead State	1/3 p.m.
2.18	@Bevill State	12/2 p.m.
2.21	Gulf Coast	
	@Hinds	3/6 p.m.
2.24	Natl. Park Coll.	TBA
	Kaskaskia College	5 p.m.
	@Millington, Tenn.	
2.27	@Snead State	1/3 p.m.
3.1	Northwest	11 a.m.
	Northeast	6 p.m.
3.4	Bevill State	1/3 p.m.
3.8	Miss. Delta	noon
	Jones	2:30 p.m.
	@Delta State	
3.11	Meridian	2/5 p.m.
3.15	@Holmes	2/5 p.m.
3.18	@Gulf Coast	2/5 p.m.
3.21	Coahoma	3/6 p.m.
3.25	Pearl River	2/5 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

2.16	East Miss.	5:30 p.m.
2.21	@Holmes	6 p.m.
2.23	Jones	5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2.16	@East Miss.	6 p.m.
2.21	Holmes	6 p.m.
2.23	@Jones	6 p.m.

GOLF

3.6	@East Central Invitational	
3.7	@East Central Invitational	
3.27	@Meridian Invitational	
3.28	@Meridian Invitational	

SOFTBALL

2.14	@Calhoun	1/3 p.m.
2.28	@NW Shoals	2/4 p.m.
3.7	Calhoun	1/3 p.m.
3.11	@Meridian	1/3 p.m.
3.15	Holmes	2/4 p.m.
3.17	Gulf Coast	2/4 p.m.
3.21	@Coahoma	2/3 p.m.

TENNIS

2.14	Gulf Coast	2 p.m.
2.17	@Southwest	2 p.m.
2.23	@Wallace St.	2 p.m.
2.24	@Holmes	TBA
2.28	Hinds	2 p.m.
3.2	Indiana Wes.	9 a.m.
	@Jones	
3.7	Co-Lin	2 p.m.
3.10	@East Central	2 pm.
3/24	@Northwest	2 p.m.

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12 sophomores selected to ICC Hall of Fame '23

Staff Reports

Twelve Itawamba Community College sophomores have been selected as members of the prestigious Hall of Fame for 2022-23.

They include Kelly Barnett, Anthony Reese Cantrell, both of Amory; Lori Leachman of Bruce; Emma Grace Allen, Hayden Campbell, both of Fulton; Emory Reinhard of Mantachie; Eli Harlow of Pontotoc; Madison Collins of Shannon; Noah Jones of Smithville; Lexi Tabbs of Red Bay, Ala. and Jamarious "Jay" Salters and Mae Young, both of Tupelo.

EMMA GRACE ALLEN

At ICC, Allen's activities have included Indian Delegation president, Orientation Leader, Food Pantry representative, Resident Assistant and a member of the Baptist Student Union Leadership Team, The Global Experience, Fashion Tribe, STEM Club, The Wesley Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors College, Science Club and Wesley Foundation. Among her honors are Dean's List, Freshman and Sophomore Homecoming Maid and first runner-up in ICC's Most Beautiful Pageant. A premed (biology) major, Allen is also involved in college ministry and youth group at Bethel Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Dr. Jay and Belinda Allen.

KELLY BARNETT

Barnett, who is majoring in business and marketing management technology, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Her honors include the President's List.

HAYDEN CAMPBELL

Campbell is majoring in civil engineering at ICC, where he is president of the Baptist Student Union and member of Phi Theta Kappa. He is a member of Tremont First Baptist Church. His parents are Jason and Beth Campbell.

ANTHONY REESE CANTRELL

At ICC, Cantrell is majoring in political science. His activities and honors include Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Kappa Delta, Political Science Club, Orientation Leader, Student Activities Board, Honors College, Fashion Tribe and host of The Voice 2022. He also participates in the Work-Study program. Cantrell's other activities are internship at Renasant Bank and active member of the Amory Church of Christ. He is the son of Andy and Kendal Cantrell.

MADISON COLLINS

Collns is majoring in nursing at ICC, where her activities and honors have included Phi Theta Kappa, All-American Marching Band and President's List. She is children's choir director, a member of both the Praise Team and activities committee and volunteer with Life Recovery Ministry, all at By Faith Baptist Church. Her parents are Mary Collins and Matt Collins.

NOAH JONES

At ICC, Jones is majoring in nursing. His activities and honors include Mississippi Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Students, Nurses' Christian Fellowship, Phi Theta Kappa, class representative and a student representative for the Educational Resources Committee for the Associate Degree Nursing program. He is a member of House of Prayer Baptist Church in Amory. His parents are Brad and Tanya Jones.

LORI LEACHMAN

A speech language pathology major at ICC, Leachman is a member of the Honors College and Student Activities Board, vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa and Honors College representative for the student-led Food Pantry. She attends Grace Baptist Church in Guntown. Her parents are Patsy Kellum and Loy Leachman Jr.

EMORY REINHARD

Reinhard is majoring in elementary education at ICC, where her activities and honors include Indian Delegation, Sigma Kappa Delta president, Fulton Campus Student Government Association president, Fashion Tribe backstage executive, English Supplementary Instruction Leader, Trading Post executive chair, Honors College, Phi Theta Kappa chapter and regional officer, Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar, Coca-Cola Academic Team member and Mississippi Honors Conference oral presentation winner. She is a member of Bethel Baptist Church. Her parents are Jill and John Reinhard.

JAY SALTERS

Salters is a senior in the Middle College program. He is a member of the National Honor Society and National Society of High School Scholars at Tupelo High School where he will graduate this spring. He is majoring in political science at ICC, where he is president of the Tupelo Campus Student Government Association and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Fashion Tribe and Indian Delegation. His honors include selection as a recipient of WTVA's I See A Leader award. Salters is also a member of the Northeast Mississippi Youth Foundation and attends church services at the Temple of Compassion and Deliverance. He is the son of Miyoshia and Sylvester Salters.

LEXI TABBS

Tabbs is a nutrition/dietetics major at ICC, where her activities and honors include Food Pantry committee, Indianettes Dance choreography captain, Indian Delegation secretary, Phi Theta Kappa president, Wesley lead team, Fashion Tribe social media executive, Honors College member, Most Beautiful second alternate, All-Mississippi Academic Team, Coca-Cola Leaders and President's List. She attends Freewill Baptist Church in Red Bay, where he is involved with the college age group and the choir. Her parents are Brandie and Jamie Miller and Eric Tabbs.

MAE YOUNG

An English major at ICC, Young is president of the Phi Theta Kappa Beta Tau Sigma chapter and a Supplemental Instruction Leader. She is also a president's list scholar. Her other activities include nursery attendant at West Jackson Street Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Benjamin and Angie Young.

Daniels, Allen elected Mr., Miss ICC

Staff Reports

Tykez Daniels of Starkville and Emma Grace Allen of Fulton have been elected Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College for 2022-23.

Daniels' activities are Indian Delegate, 2022 Orientation Leader, SGA Representative, Social Media Ambassador, All-American Marching Band, Fashion Tribe Executive, Food Pantry committee, Student Activities Board president and Student Activities student worker. He attends Second Chance Ministries. A communication major, Daniels is the son of Ebony Evans.

Allen's activities at ICC have included Indian Delegation president, Orientation Leader, Food Pantry representative, Resident Assistant and a member of the Baptist Student Union Leadership Team, The Global Experience, Fashion Tribe, STEM Club, The Wesley Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, Honors College, Science Club and Wesley Foundation. Among her honors are Dean's List, Freshman and Sophomore Homecoming Maid and first runner-up in ICC's Most Beautiful Pageant. She is a premed (biology) major. Allen is also involved in college ministry and youth group at Bethel Baptist Church. Her parents are Dr. Jay and Belinda Allen.

Daniels and Allen will be featured in the 2023 ICC yearbook, the *Mirror*.

Ozbirn selected Most Beautiful 2023

Winners of Itawamba Community College's Most Beautiful 2023 Pageant
February 1

Rylie Ozbirn, *Most Beautiful*
Emma Grace Allen, *First Alternate*
Lexi Tabbs, *Second Alternate*
Mary Morgan Lyle, *Third Alternate*
Sarah Kate Thompson, *Fourth Alternate*
Sharicka Martin, *Most Photogenic*
Kaitlyn Plunkett, *Crowd Favorite*

Right, 2022 Most Beautiful Zoe Bigham presents the 2023 crown to Rylie Ozbirn of New Albany at the conclusion of the Feb. 1 pageant. The event was sponsored by ICC's The Global Experience.